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1. IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN AL-HAWADESS MAGAZINE, CROWN PRINCE FAHD STATED THAT CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS, HE HAD NOT CONCLUDED ANY ARMS DEALS OR ANY AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A PLANT TO CONSTRUCT FRENCH AIRCRAFT IN THE KINGDOM. HE ALSO DENIED THAT A LOAN TO FRANCE HAD BEEN CONCLUDED. HOWEVER HE ADDED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE STILL IN PROGRESS CONCERNING A LOAN REPORTED TO AMOUNT TO BETWEEN SIX AND EIGHT BILLION DOLLARS. PRINCE FAHD SAID  
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THAT THE FRENCH FONMIN WOULD VISIT KINGDOM NEXT OCTOBER

TO DISCUSS THE LOAN.

2. IN A REPLY TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, PRINCE FAHD MENTIONED THAT WHILE THE DISCUSSIONS WERE STILL IN PRELIMINARY STAGE, HE THOUGHT FRANCE WAS INTERESTED IN PROVIDING KINGDOM WITH NUCLEAR KNOW-HOW.

3. PRINCE FAHD STRESSED THAT ANY ARMS DEALS WITH FRANCE OR OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD NOT PREJUDICE DEALS CONCLUDED WITH THE UNITED STATES, A COUNTRY WHICH HE REGARDS AS FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL TO THE KINGDOM. END UNCLASSIFIED

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4. COMMENT: THIS ARTICLE CORROBORATES RECENT INTER-VIEWS WITH PRINCE FAHD IN WHICH HE HAS COMMENTED ON USG'S PROMPTER RESPONSE TO SAG ARMS REQUESTS. BOTH HE AND KING KHALID HAVE RECENTLY COMMENTED THAT US TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT ARE "BEST IN THE WORLD." IT SEEMS SAG VERY WARY OF DIVERSIFYING SOURCES OF ARMS AS LONG AS FAVORABLE US RESPONSE FORTHCOMING TO THEIR REQUESTS. END CONFIDENTIAL.  
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